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BATTERY, TO A SUPPORT
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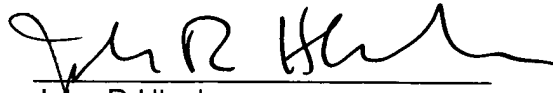
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of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion of the
International Searching Authority.

Serial No. 10/550,966

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Applicant's or agent's file reference RB 592 WO	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/EP2004/007549	International filing date (day/month/year) 09 July 2004 (09.07.2004)
Applicant A. RAYMOND & CIE et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



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2. Transmittal of the copy of the translation to the designated or elected Offices.

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3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference RB 592 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2004/007549	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 09 July 2004 (09.07.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 22 July 2003 (22.07.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant A. RAYMOND & CIE			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No. +41 22 740 14 35		Date of issuance of this report 29 May 2006 (29.05.2006)
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Translation

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To:

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Applicant's or agent's file reference

RB 592 WO

FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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22.07.2003

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

Applicant

A. RAYMOND & CIE

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/007549

Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

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in written format

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in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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contained in the international application as filed.

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filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

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furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date in the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1, 2-4</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1, 2-4</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1, 2-4</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. The present opinion makes reference to the following document:

D1: WO 98/18612 A (BREMONT MICHEL; RAYMOND A &
CIE (FR)) 7 May 1998 (1998-05-07)

(D1 has already been cited in the
application).

D2: DE 44 02 550 A (RAYMOND A GMBH & CO KG)
3 August 1995 (1995-08-03)

2. Neither D1 nor D2 describes a method as in claim 1
and a device as in claims 2-4 of the present
application.

2.1. D1 discloses a method for coating the adhesive
surfaces of structural or support elements....

2.2. D2 discloses an adhesively bondable fastening
element for holding structural or functional parts

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

3. . Neither D1 nor D2, alone or in combination with other prior art, provides any suggestion of the subject matter of the present application for coating fastening elements having uneven adhesive surfaces.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Contrary to the requirements of PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description does not cite D2 or indicate the relevant prior art disclosed therein.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The following unclear passages (PCT Article 6) should be rectified:

1. The word "...desired..." in claims 1 and 2 is unclear and should be avoided.
2. The basis for claims 2-4 is unclear in the description.
3. The references stated between parentheses in claims 2-4 should also be avoided (EPC Rule 29(6)).